Basis of releasing free foodgrains to States

1667. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the basis of releasing free foodgrains to States for use of BPL population;

(b) the quantum of foodgrains released to Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala during the last three years and till June, 2002;

(c) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has drawn more foodgrains than its entitlement;

(d) if so, what is the excess quantity drawn and under what category; and

(e) what are the reasons for which Karnataka has not been given the same facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Foodgrains have been allocated free of cost to the States/UTs under 'Food for Work' (FFW) programme and Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojna (SGRY) for distribution as part of wages under the wage employment generations schemes. Both BPL and APL persons are given wage employment under FFW and SGRY. However, preference is given to the poorer sections.

FFW was started in January 2001 as a temporary measures to provide relief in the calamity affected areas. The programme was in operation till 31.3.2002. The States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala were given free foodgrains under the programme in 2001 -02. As regards Tamil Nadu, the State did not make any demand under the Programme.

The FFW during 2002-03 is being continued as a Special Component of SGRY in the States facing natural calamity.

During 2002-03 so far, out of the above four States, only A.P. has been allocated foodgrains under the Special Component of SGRY. Allocation of foodgrains under FFW and Special Component of SGRY is based on the request of the State Government, the assessment of need of the

State and such other criteria as determined by Government of India from time to time.

Under the regular SGRY the funds and foodgrains are presently allocated to the States/UTs on the basis of proportion of the rural population in a State to the total rural poor in the country.

A statement showing the quantity of foodgrains allocated to the States of A.P. Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu under FFW and SGRY during the last three years and upto June 2002 is annexed. (See below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Statement

Foodgrains allocated to the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu under Food for Work Programme and Sampoorna Gramin RozgarYojna (SGRY) during thelast three years and upto June 2002.

(A) Food for Work Programme/special component of SGRY

(figures in lakh tonnes)

	2000-01		2001-02		2002-03 (upto June 2002)	
State	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
Andhra Pradesh	—	—	—	16.50		15.00*
Karnataka	—	—	0.43	0.57	—	—
Kerala	—	—	—	0.05	—	—
Tamil Nadu						

*Allocated under Special Component of SGRY.

(B) Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojna

(figures in lakh tonnes)

	2001-02		2002-03 (upto June 2002)	
State	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
Andhra Pradesh	—	2.32	—	0.65
Karnataka	0.23	1.59	0.084	0.53

	2001-02		2002-03 (upto June 2002)	
State Kerala	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
Tamil Nadu	—	0.42	—	0.25
	—	1.52	—	0.69

SGRY was started in the year 2001-02.

Selling quota for sugar mills

†1668. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quota which Government have permitted the sugar mills of the Northern India to sell during the last three years, year-wise and mill-wise alongwith the quota and production ratio;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to sell stock of such sugar mills against which crores of rupees of farmers are outstanding in order to make payment to farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a)The information is being compiled.

(b) to (d) As per information received from the sugar mills/State Governments, the cane price arrears position for the season 2001 -2002 is as under:—

		(As on 31.05.2002) (Rs. in crores)
(i) Cane price payable (ii)	—	13228.78
Cane price paid (iii)		10889.28
Balance outstanding		2339.50

Government has been making judicious release of freesale sugar to the mills. In addition, Government has also been making advance releases of freesale sugar to the mills in order to enable them to reduce the cane price arrears.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.